

CHAPTER 13

The New *sleazzy* Reading *bibles*

Mark 15:17, 18

“*And* they clothed him with purple,...
And began to salute him, Hail...”

King
James Version Counterfeit

un-Easy Reading
KJV-ER

The words of the Holy Bible originated in **heaven**.

“For ever, O LORD, thy **word** is settled **in heaven**.” Ps. 119: 89

The Bible has been kept pure on **earth**.

“...preached the **gospel** unto you with the Holy Ghost **sent down from heaven**...the word which by the gospel is preached **unto you**.” 1 Peter 1:12, 25

“For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me.” John 17:8

“The words of the LORD are **pure words**: as silver tried in a furnace **of earth**, **purified** seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.” Psalm 12: 6, 7

“...whatsoever thou shalt bind on **earth** shall be bound in **heaven**...” Matt. 16:19

“...in **earth**, as it is in **heaven**...” Matt. 6:10

We are forbidden to make counterfeit bibles.

“Thou shalt not make unto thee...any **likeness** of any thing that is **in heaven** above, or that is **in the earth** beneath...” Exod. 20:4

The devil is a counterfeiter.

“Lucifer...thou hast said in thine heart,...I will be **like the most High...**” Isaiah 14:12, 13, 14

Anything of value is going to be counterfeited — money, watches, famous paintings, and diamonds. We can also expect counterfeits of the King James Bible, ‘**the most highly**’ sold and distributed book of all time. (‘I will be like the KJV...’) A counterfeit must look as much like the original as possible. The serpent was “more **subtil** than any beast of the field” (Gen. 3:1). Counterfeit twenty dollar bills have the words **TWENTY DOLLARS** written on them, just like real ones. Counterfeit caricatures of the scriptures often carry letters similar to **KJV** somewhere in the title or on the cover, cloaking the corruption inside. King James (and his translators) never saw any of these counterfeit bibles with the King’s name on them. Though new versions mock King James in their advertising, they must put *his* name on it.

Bankers can identify counterfeit money by holding it up to the light. We can also hold counterfeit bibles up to the true light of the word of God. Authentic KJVs have been printed by Cambridge University Press for hundreds of years. Most KJVs match this model. The text of the Cambridge Large Print *Text Only* edition and the Cambridge Concord edition are the standards in spelling, punctuation and capitalization. (The Cambridge Concord edition has some corrupt *marginal notes*.) Other groups, like the Dean Burgon Society, were originally founded to uphold the standard and,

“To inform believers about the danger of using and recommending Bibles which, while **claiming to be the King James Version**, actually make changes in the text,

such as the **New Scofield Reference Bible**, **The King James II**, **The Open Bible**, and **others**; (Articles of Faith, Operation & Organization of the Dean Burgon Society as adopted at the Organizational Meeting at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Nov. 3-4, 1978, Collingswood, New Jersey, pp. 8, 9.)

C.I. Scofield never approved the changes to the text or the notes of the *New Scofield Bible*. He also never wrote some of the *new* notes appearing today in *Old Scofield Bibles*! (See *New Scofield vs. Old Scofield*, Ararat, VA: AV Publications.) Since the Dean Burgon Society compiled this list, dozens of counterfeits have slipped on to the shelves of unsuspecting Christian bookstores, illegitimate offsprings like the **KJ²¹**, the **KJV2000**, and the worst, called the **New King James**. The most recent is the **Easy Reading KJV-ER**, possibly identified by a purple cover or a **large sword** across the cover. **The Evidence Bible**, by Ray Comfort, published by Bridge-Logos, has a bible text with many of the same weaknesses.

The **s/Easy Reading King James Bible-ER**

The latest counterfeit, soon to be a memory, is a perversion whose cover boasts in BIG gold letters — *King James Version Easy Reading*. Thousands of people have bought this thinking it was a ‘King James Bible.’

How can it be a King James Bible when it *departs* from the Received Greek Text?

How can it be a Bible if it uses *made-up words*, like ‘contempts’ in Ezekiel 21:10, thereby destroying the parallel between the Hebrew counterparts ‘contemneth**’ (v.10) and ‘contemn’ (v.13)?**

How can it be ‘Easy Reading’ when it replaces self-defining words like ‘br^{as}en’ (made of **br**ass) with ‘brazen’ (made of *br*az)?

How can it teach spiritual wisdom when it has no verb for wisdom?

How can it be a Bible when it introduces doctrinal error by following the typo-dotted Broadman Holman text, not the correct Cambridge text? By not capitalizing ‘Spirit’ in Matt. 4:1, the Easy Reader implies that perhaps the devil, not the Holy Ghost, led Jesus into the wilderness (Eph. 2:2). Or might this change deny the deity of Christ by inferring that a man’s spirit, and not the “Spirit of Christ” led him (1 John 5:7,8, Rom. 8:9, Eph. 4:4).

How can it be a Bible when it cannot distinguish between God and Eve? The Easy Reading KJV-ER claims to put the words of God in **Red**, however just four pages into the Bible, in Genesis 3:3, the words of **Eve** are in **Red**. God never said, “Ye (or You, plural) shall;” he said, “thou shalt” (singular). God deals with individuals. God also never said, “Neither shall ye (you) touch it;” Eve made this up! God also did not say, “lest ye (you) die;” he said *emphatically*, “thou shalt surely die.”



Look closely at the Easy Reading KJV-ER in the book of **John, chapter 1** only:

In John 1: The so-called Easy Reading KJV-ER differs from the true King James Bible in **142** places (in this chapter alone!).

In John 1: The KJV-ER makes **119** alterations to the Greek *Textus Receptus* cursive tradition. With 51 verses in

John 1, this amounts to over *two* changes per verse from the historic Greek tradition.

In John 1: The ER changes the Greek ‘Elias’ to the Hebrew ‘Elijah,’ ‘Esaias’ to ‘Isaiah,’ and ‘Messias’ to ‘Messiah.’ The Roman Catholic church has long promoted this change because it lends support to their false theory that the book of Matthew and other Gospels were not originally written in Greek but in Aramaic, a type of Hebrew. (Rome does this because the *Greek* text in Matt. 16:18 reveals that ‘Peter’ and ‘rock’ are *two different words*; if the Gospels had been originally written in Aramaic, as Rome pretends, the *two* English words ‘rock’ and ‘Peter’ would have been translated from the *same* Aramaic word, allowing the Roman church’s pet theory that the church was built on Peter and not upon Christ. See chapter entitled “Every Word” for full analysis.)

In John 1: The KJV-ER changes the Bible, italicizing words such as ‘*was*’ (John 1:9) and ‘*Him*’ (John 1:40). These words **are** in the Greek text and are **not** italicized in the KJV or any traditional foreign language editions.

In John 1: The KJV-ER divorces itself from the nearly 5,000 Greek *cursive* manuscripts and lectionaries by capitalizing the pronouns, *He, Him, His, Same, One, You, It, and Man*. This has no parallel in either the Greek cursive manuscripts, the Greek printed editions, or any traditional foreign language Bible, either historic or modern. Capitalizing such words is a Roman Catholic devise, which can be seen first in the Catholic Bible editions of 1849-1862, written by Roman Catholic Bishop Francis Patrick Kendrick. He capitalized ‘Him’ and ‘He’ and instigated the violent Philadelphia riots of 1844 “resulting in the deaths of several who had rallied around the Protestant call...” Kendrick led the early movement to squeeze the King James Bible out of the schools and nudge the Catholic bible into them. (Paul, C. Gutjahr, *An American Bible*, Stanford, Ca.: Stanford University Press, 1999, pp. 116-119, 134.)

Capitalized pronouns are now used in the NASB, NKJV, and Easy Reading KJV-ER. A translator who employs this device must become an interpreter, because no Greek or Hebrew text follows this form. Since these translators are not infallible and inspired, there is the very real probability that they may misplace capital letters. For instance, they do not capitalize ‘him’ in “I will make him my firstborn” (Psalm 89:27). This is a clear reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. In many other verses, such as Ps. 69:21, they do not capitalize the pronoun which refers to Jesus. The KJV-ER is guilty of its worst capital offense by capitalizing the word ‘One.’ This brings the dangerous New Age god, called the ‘One,’ on to ‘one’ too many pages of the Holy Bible. (See *New Age Bible Versions*, chapter 5.)

In John 1: The Eazzy Reader and other modern counterfeits substitute the sound of buzzing flies in their verb endings, with shine~~zzz~~, come~~zzz~~, stand~~zzz~~, see~~zzz~~, say~~zzz~~, and find~~zzz~~, in place of the accurate Greek and English inflected endings, shineth, cometh, standeth, seeth, saith, and findeth. The KJV endings provide the following cognitive clues: 1.) The **forward moving tongue**, used to pronounce ‘th,’ tells the reader the word is an **action** word, that is, a verb. 2.) The ‘t’ reminds him the verb is a **third** person (he, she, or it) verb.

In John 1: The KJV-ER does not call itself the ‘Holy Bible’ on its front cover. Is it because it changes “**holy**, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners” words into *TV Guide* words? It omits the Greek and English inflected endings for the following: sayest, baptizest, dwellest, wast, knowest, and believest. The clue is now gone that tells the reader that these verbs refer to **second** person singular subjects. It speaks with no more authority than cheap tabloids like the *National Inquirer*, when it switches *spake* to *spoke*, *art* to *are*, *bare* to *bore*, *hath* to *has*, *wast* to *were*, and *shalt* to *shall*.

In John 1: The KJV-ER crashes head-on, demolishing God’s ‘love letters’ in ‘**unto**,’ leaving only the road-sign spelling ‘to.’ This shatters the difference between just going ‘to’ the pavilion and going ‘**onto**,’ ‘**into**’ and ‘**under**’ the safe harbor of the pavilion. (See chapter entitled “Pure Words...Tried”.) Jesus “came unto his own,” not just ‘to’ them. He became **one** of them.

In John 1: The KJV-ER uses ‘you’ and ‘yourself’ for *both* the **singular** (‘thou’ and ‘thyself’ John 1:21, 22, 25, 33, 38, 42, 48-51) and the plural (‘ye’ John 1:26, 38). The reader loses a vital distinction; to whom does the pronoun refer? (See chapter entitled “Ends of the World”).



Look closely at the **s/Easy** Reader’s poor grammar and imprecision in John 1:38.

Easy Reading KJV-ER:

“Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and **says** to them, What **seek you**? They said to Him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) **where dwell You**?”

If a student submitted the KJV-ER to an English teacher for grading, he would receive an **F-**. The Bible has always been, as it should be, the model and epitome of English prose.

King James Bible:

“Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek **ye [plural]**? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest **thou [singular]**?”

The KJV's beauty is enhanced by its precision in distinguishing between the singular 'thou' and 'thee' and the plural 'ye.' The ER's use of the word 'you' for both the singular 'thou' and the plural 'ye' moves its text one step further away from the precision of the Greek text. This becomes critical in many verses such as John 3:7.

KJV: "I said unto **thee**, **Ye** must be born again."

Easy Reading KJV-ER: "I said to **you**, **You**^p must be born again."

The KJV is the only English Bible that clearly states that *all* men (plural 'Ye') must be born again, not just Nicodemus (singular 'thee'). The microscopic "p" placed near the word 'You^p' in the ER, is part of the notes of men and not the **word** of God. Notes can introduce confusion, doubt and potential debate. The Easy Reader is full of marginal notes identified by letters. What does 'p' mean? Does it mean God's **p**lan (pp. iv, xxv, xxxiii), **p**lural (p. xlvi), or the literary source **P** (p. 2)? God has a simpler method. Many describe their experience with the ER in one word — **confusion**. Observe a few more examples of the *horrible* English grammar in the Easy Reading KJV-ER:

John 1:48 "Nathanael says to Him, From where know You me?"

John 1:25 "...Why baptize you then, if you be not that Christ..."

John 1:29 "The next day John sees Jesus coming to him, and says..."

Try using grammar like that during your first job interview. The KJV gives us a pattern for proper speech and writing. That's just like a loving God —

“According as his divine power hath given unto us **all things that pertain unto life** and godliness...” 2 Peter 1:3

Easy ?

The shocking fact about the Easy Reading KJV-ER is that it is **not** really easier to read than the KJV. Their reading grade level is the same according to numerous tests; any minor difference in reading grade level between the KJV-ER and the true KJV is not statistically significant. (The formulas for determining statistical significance are given in any graduate level textbook on statistics.) Don Waite, Jr., author of *The Comparative Readability of the KJV* generated these **identical statistics**, among others:

Readability Test	KJV	Easy Reading KJV-ER
Grammatik 4.0 & 5.0 (1990 & 1992 edition) Flesch-Kincaid	Grade 6 (Grammatique 5.0 average syllables per word: 1.31)	Grade 6 (Grammatique 5.0 average syllables per word: 1.31)
Grammatik 4.0 1990 Gunning's Fog	Grade 9	Grade 9
Word for Windows 6.0 October 2000 Bormuth Grade Level	Grade 8.9 (average word length in letters per word: 3.9)	Grade 8.9 (average word length in letters per word: 3.9)

*(Taken from chart entitled: *Computer Generated Readability Analysis of the Entire Bible* prepared by D.A. Waite, Jr., October 2000, correspondence with The Publisher, on file.)

D.A. Waite, Jr. also noted that the word count for the Easy Reading KJV-ER showed an **addition of 12 words** and **22 fewer sentences** in the Easy Reader edition!

Leaning Toward the Watchtower?

A Christian would not knowingly read the ideas in the corrupt New World Translation published by the Jehovah Witness sect unless ~~these~~..... these ideas were covered cunningly with a cover that said, *King James Version Easy Reading*. The KJV-ER fouls its lines with so-called ‘definitions,’ which **copy exactly** the same evil tenor found in the text of the Jehovah Witness and NIV versions. Plagerism? These so-called ‘definitions’ are not the Bible’s built-in “separate from sinners” definitions, but errors abstracted from corrupt Greek and Hebrew lexicons.

The Easy Reader is *Easy* on sin. “[I]f therefore thine eye be **single...**” means, according to *their* note, if ‘your eye be **healthy.**’ “[I]f thine eye be **evil**” means, according to *their* note, if ‘your eye be **diseased**’ (Matt. 6:22, 23). Sinful, not diseased eyes, may have peeked at their neighbor’s paper.

Matt.	KJV "separate from sinners"	Easy Reading Note	Jehovah Witness New World Translation	NIV
1:18	Ghost	Spirit	spirit	Spirit
1:19	just	righteous	righteous	righteous
1:20	conceived	begotten	begotten	
1:24	bidden	directed	directed	
1:25	he knew her not	had no intercourse with her	had no intercourse with her	
2:16	children	boys	boys	boys

Matt.	KJV	Easy Reading Note	Jehovah Witness New World Translation	NIV
2:21	came	went		went
3:4	meat raiment	food clothing	clothes	food clothing
3:11	Ghost	Spirit	spirit	Spirit
3:12	purge garner	cleanse barn	barn	cleanse
4:5	pinnacle	highest		highest
4:16	is sprung up	has dawned		has dawned
4:17	at hand	near		near
4:24	devils palsy	demons paralysis	demon-possessed paralyzed	demon-possessed paralyzed
5:5	meek	mild	mild	
5:18	verily jot	truly small letter	Truly smallest letter	truly smallest letter
5:31	put away	divorce	divorces	divorces
5:32	saving	except	except	except
5:47	salute	greet	greet	greet
6:19	corrupt	destroy		destroy
6:22	single	healthy		healthy
6:23	evil	diseased		unhealthy
6:25	thought	anxious	anxious	
6:26	much better	more valuable		more valuable

Matt.	KJV	Easy Reading Note	Jehovah Witness New World Translation	NIV
6:27	taking thought	worrying		worrying
6:31	take no thought	do not worry		do not worry
6:34	Take therefore no thought for...take thought for	Therefore do not worry about... worry about		Therefore do not worry about... worry about

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The Study Aids in the Easy Reader are infected with numerous unfounded and questionable statements. They claim for example, that the Hebrew word for ‘God’ in Job 3:4 and forty-nine other places *really* comes from the word “AHLAH” [pronounced ALLAH, the god of Islamic Moslems] (p. xi). This statement has no basis in the Hebrew language. It is derived from syncretistic etymologists who do not believe the Hebrew Bible was given to the Jews by God himself, but evolved from pagan sources. The Easy Reader says this word for God means ‘Mighty One,’ a claim already refuted in *New Age Bible Versions*, ch. 5, i.e. p. 79.

The untrustworthy dictionary in the Easy Reader joins most copy-cat writers today, citing the name *Yahweh* (YHWH) as the correct pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton JHVH. See chapter entitled “JESUS & JEHOVAH” for a full discussion. (The King James *Easy-Reading Study Bible*, (KJV-ER) Goodyear, Arizona: The Publisher, (G.E.M. Publishing) 2001, pp. xix, xxi. s.v. LORD; s.v. sons of God).

More sympathy for the devil sounds from Study Aids on p. xlv. It wrongly lists the mutilated Latin Vulgate of Jerome as one of “the most used and blessed Bible versions in history.” Theological mistakes abound in its notes. For instance the ER defines ‘hell’ as “the lake of fire.” If the author of the notes does not know that “death and hell were cast into the lake of fire,” then it is unlikely he has much knowledge of scripture. (I pointed out this and other errors to the well-meaning publisher, so it, along with *some* of the other problems mentioned in this chapter, may now be fixed — *leaving multitudes unfixed*.)

Very Wary of Harry Potter

How can the Easy Reading KJV-ER teach its readers to “Abstain from all appearance of evil” (I Thes. 5:22) when their bible is mailed *along with* a leaflet that says,

**“Are you a Harry Potter fan?
Do you know your astrological sign?”**

This leaflet is sealed with the same occult logo used by the ancient evil Druids and today’s Satanic rock group Led Zeppelin. (A documented history of this logo is given in the Riplinger video, *NKJV Exposé*, available from AV Publications.) The back of the leaflet describes and asks the Easy Reader’s owner to perform a lengthy occultish ritual involving drawing circles around a hexagram. It prods, “This will not work unless you do it alone.” Blurring the line between good and evil, this leaflet gives a plan of salvation on the inside — **weird** combination. The dictionary in the Easy Reading KJV-ER, parroting what a witch might say about a *Sorcerer*, defines the latter as “A person who works magic for evil purposes” (ER, p. xxii). In truth, magic for so-called *good* purposes is wrong; a *sorcerer* is *anyone* who does *any* kind of magic, including the ritual suggested on the back of the leaflet.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, from the wicked children's book series mentioned by the leaflet, was at first rejected by publishers because its "sentence construction was too complex." However, the tens of millions of copies of the Harry Potter series which have now been sold, attest to the fact that, as the author says, "...children seem to like the Britishness..." "Children in more than 30 countries are just wild about Harry Potter" because its British English, like that of the real KJV, is internationally recognizable. The devil has successfully copied God's international language style. (Tim Bouquet, *Reader's Digest* (Canada) "The Wizard Behind Harry Potter," Feb. 2001, p. 38 et al..)

 Children seem to have no problem learning **big** words when it suits them. They can even speak Japanese, saying 'Pokemon' or 'Ninja' turtles, correctly pronounce Greek, saying 'Nike' shoes or 'Styx' rock group, and repeat multisyllabic invented words like Star Wars' 'obeewankanobe.'

The children of Israel had *one Hebrew Bible* for almost 2000 years before Christ came, and have kept it for *another 2000 years*, until today. They did not cry for a *New Easy Reading Ashdod Version* when their language became polluted with that of their pagan neighbors and captors.

"Their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language." Neh. 13:24

The devil made sure they could not obey Joel 1:3 which commands that intergenerational teaching take place. The Bible says **you** (^{1st} generation) are to:

“Tell ye **your children** (2nd generation) of it, and let your children tell **their children** (3rd generation), and **their children** (4th generation) **another generation** (5th generation).” Joel 1:3

Psalm 78 likewise admonishes.

“ I will utter dark sayings of old: Which **we** have heard (2nd generation) and known, and our **fathers** (1st generation) have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the **generation to come** (3rd generation) the praises of the LORD...That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to **their children** (4th generation):”

“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou **sittest** in thine house, and when thou **walkest** by the way, and when thou **liest** down, and when thou **risest** up.” Deut. 6:7

Memorization is necessary to “talk of them...when thou sittest...when thou walkest...and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” **If each generation uses a different bible, all intergenerational teaching and memorization is destroyed.** Perhaps your grandmother didn’t teach scriptures to your mother, who taught them to you, but Timothy’s did (2 Tim. 1:5). Today’s memorizing mothers include Dr. Cindy Schaap, who has memorized the entire KJV New Testament. Where would today’s Timothys be if everyone bought the latest money-maker. The copyright owner becomes rich. The families become spiritually poor. Just imagine the confusion and lack of intergenerational memorization if—

Great great great great great grandparents:

 **King James Bible 1611**

Great grandparents:

● **Webster Bible:** 1833

Grandparents:

● **Twentieth-Century New Testament:** 1902

● **Lloyd's New Testament:** 1905 “A revision of the Authorized Version...a modernization of the English.”

● **Cunnington's New Testament:** 1914 “A revision of the version of A.D. 1611.”

Parents:

● **The Plainer Bible:** 1922

● **Robertson Translation:** 1923, A.T. Robertson

● **Royd's:** 1942, shortening the “long words.”

● **Letchworth:** 1948 “A translation of the TR Greek into current English...seeks to maintain the ‘dignified style of writing associated with the classical English version.’”

● **The Authentic Version:** 1941

You:

● **The Children's King James:** 1960, Written by ‘Pete’ Palmer, wife of NIV Chairman, Edwin Palmer.

● **The Modern King James:** 1962, Jay Green

● **NKJV:** 1983

Future Generation:

 **KJ21:** 1994

 **KJV2000:** Robert Couric, published by The Bible League

 **Easy Reading KJV:** 2001

 **The Evidence Bible:** 2001, Ray Comfort

Where are these old bibles today? What is the future of the latest ones? “The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he **overthroweth** the words of the transgressor” (Prov. 22:12). David wisely said, “I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them” 1 Sam 17:39.

“Mark them which cause divisions” Romans 16:17

The English speaking people have had the same Bible for about 400 years. The Bible says that division is caused when all believers do not use the same Bible.

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all **spe**ak **the same thing**, and that there be **no divisions** among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in **the same** mind and in **the same** judgment...Is Christ divided?...there is among you...**divisions**, are ye not carnal” 1 Cor. 1:10, 13; 3:3

“There is **one** body, and **one** Spirit, even as ye are called in **one** hope of your calling; **One** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, **One** God and Father of all...” (Eph.4: 4, 5, 6)

“The **words** of the wise are as goads, and as nails **fastened** by the masters of assemblies, which are given from **one** shepherd.” Eccl. 12:11

There was no Ark II. The multiplying of altars in the Old Testament pictured the multiplication of sin. The multiplying of languages by God at Babel was the result of sin. There is power in unity. God said, “they have all **one** language...and now nothing will be restrained from them” (Gen. 11:6). There is unity and power for good when we have one Bible and one final authority. The devil tries to dispel that power by creating numerous conflicting editions. The wicked speak with multiplied “**mouths**” (i.e. Jer. 44:25, Lam. 3:46, Dan. 6:22, Titus 1:11). The men (plural) of God speak with “**one mouth**” (singular) (Rom. 15:6). In 1 Kings 22:13 “the **prophets** declare...with **one**

mouth.” Luke 1:70 says, “As he spake by **the mouth** of his holy prophets.” Acts 3:18 repeats, “**the mouth** of all his prophets.” In Revelation 11:3, 5 the “two witnesses” have one “**mouth**.” We are likewise to speak with “**one mouth**” (Rom. 15:6). God provides the “same” spiritual nourishment for all.

“And did all eat **the same** spiritual meat;
And did all drink **the same** spiritual drink” 1
Cor. 10:3, 4

“let us walk by **the same rule**, let us mind
the same thing” Phil. 3:16

The Old Testament prescribed “**one** tabernacle,” “**One** law and **one** manner” (Exod. 26:6, Num. 15:16). Likewise, those who are “in Christ,” the “**one** place,” need to be in “**one** accord” and with “**one** mind and **one** mouth glorify God” (Acts 2:1, Phil. 3:16, Rom. 12:16, 15:6).

God perhaps pictured the original Bible tongues of Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek when he said, “two, or at the most by three” could communicate to the church (1 Cor. 14:27). And when the words of God came to the New Testament church in other languages, Christians were told to “let **one** interpret” (1 Cor. 14:27). More than one interpretation, that is translation, would have brought confusion. Such a typology pre-figures the **one** translation of the Holy Bible which should interpret God’s word to each language group. This portrays the “**one** bread and **one** body” (1 Cor. 10:17).

Sadly, to fill “empty, swept, and garnished” church buildings, some let in a “legion” of corrupt new bible versions, leaving “the last state” of the church “worse than the first” (Matt. 12:44, 45). With dozens of conflicting versions, “Some therefore cried one thing, and some another; for the assembly was confused” (Acts 19:32).

Replacing the KJV

The greatest minds have attempted to replace the KJV.

◆ **Noah Webster** (1758-1843) spoke scores of languages; he remains America's wisest linguist and etymologist. He did an Americanized King James Bible. Among other changes, he switched 'unto' to 'to,' just like the latest Easy Reading bible. God ignored Webster's bible.

◆ **A.T. Robertson** (1863-1934), the foremost Greek grammarian, wrote his own new version. God ignored it.

◆ **John Wesley** (1703-1791), the founder of Methodism and one of the greatest Christians since the apostle Paul, did his own update of the King James Bible. God ignored it.

One might not find a more spiritual man than Wesley, a better linguist than Webster, nor a more exhaustive Greek student than Robertson. Obviously, God is not looking for an updated KJV. Insanity has been defined as 'doing the same thing *over and over*, expecting *different* results.' The difficulties in the Bible are not the *thys* and *thees*; they are the MYs and MEs. God admonishes us to "Break up your fallow ground...your heart..." Jer. 4:3, 4.

"The sower soweth the **word...on stony ground...afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.**" Mark 4:14, 16, 17

Instead of breaking up their stony hearts, new version editors break up the seed — the word! Truly this is the generation of genetic engineers. God ignored all of these man-engineered **counterfeits**, some born in zeal, monumental mental capacity, or true spirituality. What must he think of the **DOITYOURSELF** bibles, where no KJV word is safe from being stained by those who dip each word into the dark pot of the lexicon they just bought.